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SUBJECT: SECVISIT LA: SCHEDULE FOR SECRETARY

1. FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA FLOR HAS ASKED ME TO MEET WITH HIM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO MAKE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECRETARY' S VISIT TO PERU. ACCORDINGLY, I WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT' S COMMENTS SOONEST ON PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR SECRETARY (LIMA 2904) AS WELL AS SEPARATE SCHEDULE FOR UNDER SECRETARY CASEY (LIMA 2951).

2. IN CONNECTION SECRETARY' S SCHEDULE, FON MIN HAD SUGGESTED CALL ON PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (COAP), HEADED BY GENERAL GRAHAM, FOLLOWING CALL ON HIM. WE RESISTED THIS SUGGESTION BECAUSE WE DO NOT FEEL IT WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE MEETING FOR SECRETARY AND ALSO BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IT IS ESSENTIAL THTAT SECRETARY AND UNDER SECRETARY TALK WITH U. S. COMMUNITY LEADERS ABOUT CURRENT AND POTENTIAL INVESTMENT PROBLEMS IN PERU.

3. HOWEVER, AT CZECH NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION LAST NIGHT FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA FLOR CONTINUED TO PUSH FOR INCLUSION FOR MEETING WITH GRAHAM AND COAP MEMBERS, POINTING OUT THAT MEETINGS WITH HIM AND WITH MERCADO WOULD BE CONCENTRATING ON SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS CONCERNING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND HE CONSIDERED THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT THE SECRETARY HAVE AN

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OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH WHAT HE CALLED " PERU' S LEGISLATURE." I POINTED OUT THAT THE SECRETARY' S SCHEDULE EVEN WITHOUT THE MEETING WITH COAP WAS TIGHT IN THAT WE HAD TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO MEET WITH THE AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND THAT THIS WAS ALL THE MORE ESSENTIAL IN VIEW OF THE EXPROPRIATION OF THE FISHMEAL INDUSTRY IN WHICH U. S. INVESTORS HAD A SUBSTANTIAL STAKE. FURTHERMORE, REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER U. S. COMPANIES WHO HAD INVESTMENT PROBLEMS IN PERU NEEDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY. THE ONLY TIME THAT SEEMED AVAILABLE FOR THIS WAS THE LATE MORNING PRIOR TO THE LUNCHEON AT THE RESIDENCE, AND THEREFORE THIS WOULD MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO MEET WITH THE COAP. I REMINDED HIM THAT GENERAL GRAHAM HAD ACCEPTED THE INVITATION TO LUNCH AND THE SECRETARY WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO SEE HIM THERE. IN SPITE OF ALL THIS THE FOREIGN MINISTER REITERATED HIS DESIRE THAT THE SECRETARY FIT THE COAP INTO HIS SCHEDULE AND WE AGREED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER AT THE MEETING WITH HIM MENTIONED ABOVE. I WILL CONTINUE TO TRY TO AVOID AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE COAP IF THIS IS POSSIBLE, BUT IF THE FOREIGN MINISTER CONTINUES TO PRESSURE US ON THIS POINT, I THINK I SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO SAY THAT THE SECRETARY WILL MEET WITH THE COAP BUT THAT WE WILL HAVE TO CANCEL THE CEREMONY AT THE MUNICIPALITY (WHICH WAS TO FOLLOW THE MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER) IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE SECRETARY WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY LEADERS AND TO REST.

4. IN ORDER COMPLETE MULTIPLE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, ALSO NEED TO KNOW URGENTLY WHETHER SECRETARY AND ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY WILL STAY AT RESIDENCE OR AT HOTEL WITH MAIN PARTY (LIMA 2792).
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